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SUBJECT: LATVIAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES NEW GOVERNMENT

On Thursday, March 12, 2009, the Saeima (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia approved a new government, lead by Prime Minister Valdis Dombrovskis, by a vote of 67 - 21. The new government will replace that of Ivars Godmanis who resigned on February 20. The Cabinet will include the following ministers:

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Maris Riekstins (retains office)
Minister of Defense Mr. Imants Liegis
Minister of Finance Mr, Einars Repse
Minister of Economy Mr, Artis Kampars
Minister of the Interior Ms. Linda Murniece
Minister of Transportation Mr. Kaspars Gerhards
Minister of Health Mr. Ivars Eglitis (retains office)
Minister of Regional
Development and Local
Government Affairs Mr. Edgars Zalans
Minister of Justice Mr. Mareks Seglins
Minister of Culture Mr. Ints Dalderis
Minister of Education and
Sciences Ms. Tatjana Koke (retains office)
Minister of Environment Mr. Raimonds Vejonis (retains office)
Minister of Agriculture Mr. Janis Duklavs
Minister of Welfare Mr. Uldis Augulis

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